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SUBJECT: Meeting with National Security Advisor Brzezinski

- 1. Joined by John McMahon, Dick Lehman and Bill Wells, we met with Mr. Brzezinski and David Aaron in Mr. Brzezinski's temporary office in EOB this afternoon for about two hours. The meeting was set up yesterday on request by Aaron who asked us to cover two main topics: the nature of our technical collection capabilities and the status of our successes with regard to the so-called hard targets. The second topic was to be a description of the state of Soviet strategic affairs, including a briefing on nature of the "B Team" exercise and the current NIE about which there has been so much publicity.
- 2. At the outset I explained to the Professor that Mr. Bush was out of town, otherwise he most certainly would be involved in the briefing. Brzezinski asked me to relay his personal thanks and appreciation to Director Bush for the latter's earlier telephone call extending an offer of Agency support and intelligence briefings.

3. I led off with brief summary descriptions of the nature of our technical and human collection, our growing reliance on technology, the pride we have with the successes that have been obtained with regard to clandestine collection, and our hopes for improvement in the future in the other hard target areas. McMahon then described a some length, using charts and photographs, the nature of the various over the state of the various over the state of the various of	25X1 ] ] ] 25X1
head systems The Professor, though he does not now hold all of the clearances,	_23X I
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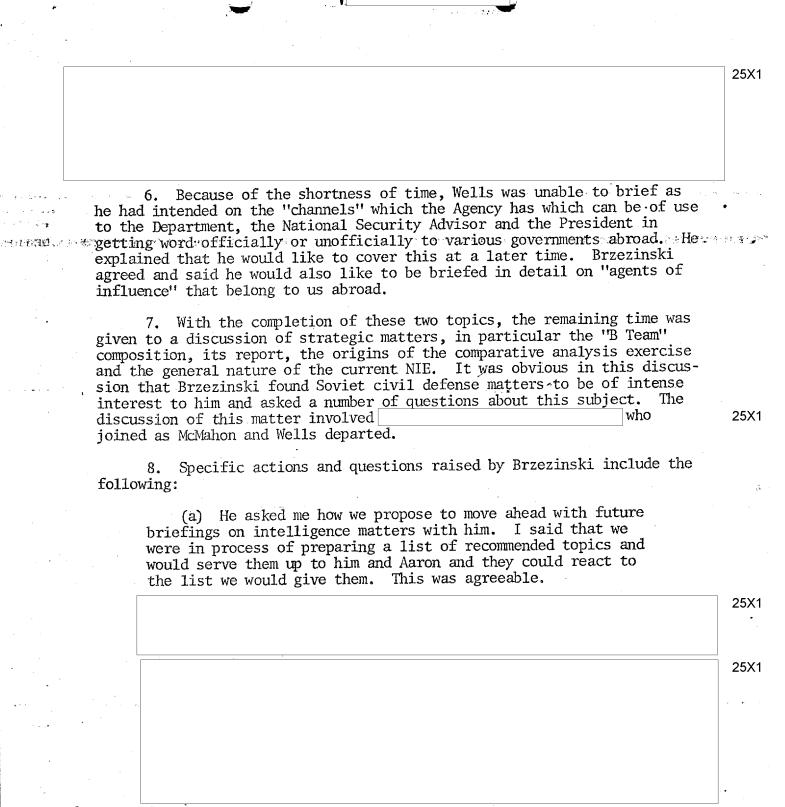
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(d) He commended the Agency's track record with regard to analysis and reporting, but he asked several times why the Agency was so late to recognize Soviet civil defense intensification, particularly, since in hindsight, it began about 1970 or 1971.

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Explanations which had to do with the lack of consumer requirements or the problem of determining priorities for intelligence treatment when resources are scarce seemed not to impress him at all. He was told simply that we had taken our eye off this particular ball and had not followed it in detail since 1970-71, and more recently.

- (e) When told that an update of the recent inter-agency memo on civil defense would be ready sometime during the fall of 1977, Brzezinski asked us to consider the consequences of speeding that work up substantially. He said, "I may ask you for such a report long before the fall of 1977."
- (f) He said he would be traveling to Plains to see the President-elect late next week and asked Lehman to advise him if he could count on taking a copy of NIE 11-3/8 to the President-elect at that time.
- (g) After the meeting, Aaron relayed his and Brzezinski's request for brief papers by 4 January covering the situations in Panama and the Middle East.

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